

POETRY.

A WINTER DUTY.

The North Wind cried unto the Earth,
[Ain't for all your summers now?"]
I traverse only barren bowers,
And hard and cold the hours
When fragrant buds were ripe
to birth?

"What sense of lovely tints is left?
What memory of perfume and heat?
Of splendid noon and balmy dusk?
I only find an empty husk—
Devoid of beauty."

To him the sweet, wise Earth replied,
"Decay is only surface deep.
While tempests rage and storms-cloud
Within my heart spring lives asleep,
Through which warm sunbeams outside
Shine on the world."

"The dead year's bowers Love keeps
and knows
By many a lover's smile made blent,
By many a tear that's shed and spent."

Lives ever—fearless of time's snows!
—The Lady.

ROSE O' MINE.

Go, rose o' mine, and say from me
That God hath ta'en the day from me
And left me blind until I see.

her eyes at morn.

Go, rose, and bring her back to me.
The task were not too hard for thee
Thou'rt Mary's flower of sweet pity,

Nor need'st thou, rose, be overhold,
To thee my love will never be cold.
Upon her trees of tangles red
She'll set thee these high.

So thou may'st stoop and seek her ear
So small, so pink, so very dear;
Toll her of me, for I am in despair,
Then thou may'st die.

—Frank Butlee.

VIEWS AND VARIETIES

Clever Sayings

"Consistency is a jewel." "That's all right, but you can't work it off on a girl instead of a diamond ring."
—TH-1316.

Knicker—You think Johnny will grow up to be president? Proudpop—Yes; that boy can eat anything.—New York Sun.

Jones—Do you think the horse will survive the automobile? Brown—No if it gets in its way.—Woman's Home

Stella—What source has been identified?

Belie—She takes so many chances in making these claims before retreating that it is morning, afternoon and evening—Harpers—Belie—
"Why have the duke's ardent declarations suddenly grown cool?" "I think father gave him a \$50 note and bought him a new suit," says Harpers.
"The woman I marry," he said, "must be able to blush." "Oh," she replied with a smile, "I shall blush every time I am seen anywhere with you."
"She married him to reform him," said Harpers. "What was the result?" "A good none that he's shocked at nearly everything she does,"—Boston Transcript.
The old army sharpshooter was boasting of his prowess. "In all my life," he said, "I have no record of a mistake for a man."—Chicago Tribune.
"Call me," you need by type—writer supplies, / also The G. & S. Typewriter supplies? No. I've only just bought a box of chocolates for my London Opinion.
Employer—See here! Do you think you know more about this business than I do?
Honest! I ain't no magazine writer!—Puck.
The first word of the old boss says

suffrage club favor?" "Well," replied young Mrs. Torkins, "if we owned

"It's the first \$1,000 that's hard to get," explained the eminent millionaire. "I've been told that it's the most money I've been trying to accumulate in my life for the last 40 years."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"It's horrid of you to get into a bad temper every time I have a letter from my mamma." "Because I know your mother so well. She always makes people irritable."—Felix Mele.

"I got a surprise letter from my mother." "A surprise party?" "But I thought you had no use for Brown?" "I haven't. That's why I invited her to the party for him."—Detroit Free Press.

MUCH IN LITTLE

More than 40 varieties of mosquitoes make their homes in New Jersey.

The latest statistics report the presence of 3,237 kinds of insects in the United States. Various Japanese educational institutions.

Women are not admitted to the two

It is expected that the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon railway will be opened in October, just one year after the British section was opened.

Pineapple is declared to be one of the best known remedies for diphtheria. It has been tested, we are told, with good effects in cases of great severity.

Arrangements have just been completed for the Philippine Exploration

company for financing a big dredge for the Glens Placer company at a

A weekly trade paper in Buenos Ayres announces that a new steamship company has been formed to operate a line of steamers between New Orleans and River Plate ports.

An American theater built in conformity with the very latest ideas in American architecture is being erected in the heart of the residential section of Manila, in Ermita.

One of the projected works at Christiania, Norway, is a tunnel for the street railway, to enable the cars to reach the high level of the city and on a hill three miles from the city.

By the will of a French lady who died recently a farm was left to the town on condition her family vault was kept in repair, and the real estate was to be divided among

those attending her funeral.

The great heaps of refuse to be seen adjoining coal and iron pits throughout Scotland, which have always been looked upon as waste product, are now found to be valuable in the manufacture of bricks.

Kome, Japan, is shortly to have a free public library, supported by the municipality. It will be housed in the old building of the Kobe city office, which is now being submitted to various alterations for the purpose.

The type of letters in early manu-

scripta was the same as that of those used on the earlier metal plates and

Amoy and the surrounding country have been in close touch with the Philippines for about 300 years. Native Amoy form 75 per cent. of the 55,000 Chinese in the islands, and Amoy is the only port in China having a direct steamship service with the Philippines.